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SRI S. RAMALINGAM : லைப் ஸ்டாக் சென்செஸ் கணக்கு எடுக்கும்போது அந்தந்த பிரதேசங்களில் மேல் தரமான ஜாதிகள் இருக்கின்றனவா என்று தனியாக கணக்கு எடுத்திருக்கிறார்களா ? ஒவ்வொரு தரத்திலும் எவ்வளவு பலன் கிடைக்கிறது என்பதைக் குறித்து தனியாக கணக்கு எடுத்திருக்கிறார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அதைப்பற்றி என்னிடம் விவரங்கள் இப்பொழுது இல்லை.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that there was an increase in the number of livestock. May I know whether there is improvement in the quality of the breed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that there is no corresponding improvement in the breed of the cattle, although numerically it is strong enough. The Government are endeavouring to improve the breed of the cattle.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : What is the expenditure incurred in connection with the census taken in 1956?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Livestock would include poultry and other birds also. Can I take it seriously that the Government are taking census of poultry and other birds like ducks, doves, etc.?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : In the census that is being taken, is there a separate classification of the Pinjrapole variety, that is, invalid, ailing and infirm animals which are of no use?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I think it is so.

Starting of an Industrial Estate at Kozhikode

* 261 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed at the meeting of the Kozhikode Municipal Council held on June 29th, 1956, requesting the State Government to recommend to the Central Government to start an Industrial Estate at Kozhikode; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. A copy of the resolution was received by the Government only on the 4th September 1956.

(*b*) As necessary steps have already been taken to establish a small Industrial Estate at Palghat in Malabar district and the Government of India have not agreed to entertain additional schemes for Industrial Estate at present, no action is possible on the resolution of the municipal council at present.

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SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, considering the necessity for more industrial centres to be opened in Malabar district, will the Government forward the request of the Kozhikode Municipality with a strong recommendation to the Central Government to include it in the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Industrial Estate in Palghat has been taken up only under the Second Five-Year Plan

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : In view of the fact that Palghat is at the southernmost end of the Malabar district and that Kozhikode is in the centre of that district and in view of the fact that there are no big industrial concerns at all in Malabar district, will the Government be kind enough to reconsider the question and establish an industrial estate—let it be even small—in Kozhikode?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Not only Kozhikode but places further north like Cannanore may wait for their chance.

Fall in price of pepper in Malabar

* 262 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to prevent the fall in price of pepper in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The fall in the price of pepper is due to the increased production of pepper in Indonesia and Sarawak. To face this competition and to help the producers and exporters of pepper, the Government of India have progressively reduced export duty on pepper until it was abolished in September 1955. The Cashew and Pepper Export Promotion Council, Cochin, is also doing its best to promote the export of pepper by sending trade delegations to foreign countries to establish direct contacts with mercantile community there and by participating in international exhibitions by exhibiting pepper as one of the commodities in the trade fairs.

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To prevent slump in Malabar pepper market, this Government also propose to recommend to the Government of India the following suggestions for their consideration :—

(i) Exploring new world markets.

(ii) Enforcement of Agmark grading on pepper.

(iii) Allotting export quotas of pepper to growers' co-operative societies for direct shipment to foreign countries.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that, as a result of the fall in the price of pepper from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 600, so many pepper garden owners have been ruined? Will the Government be pleased to take steps to give them short-term or long-term loans to help them in pepper cultivation? May I know what steps the Government have taken to explore markets abroad and also to step up pepper consumption within the country?